

Plan . . .

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The plan had predicted that 10% to 12% increases would be needed annually to meet the University's minimum needs.

The Legislature approved a \$63.8 million general fund operational budget for NU last week. This represents an increase of almost 26% over this year's general fund support of about \$51.2 million.

The Legislature's action overrode vetoes by Gov. J. James Exon amounting to \$2,366,524.

The 5-year plan's original predictions assumed inflation would remain at 4%, enrollment projections would be reached and no new programs would be added, Varner said.

The plan predicted UNL's 1977 enrollment would be about 23,000, the University of Nebraska at Omaha's (UNO) 15,000 and the Medical Center's about 1,750.

Only the Medical Center seems assured of reaching those levels in that time, he said.

ASUN President Ron Clingenpeel said Monday that the plan's enrollment projections were "more optimistic than I would tend to be."

He predicted enrollment would drop for two or three years before finally stabilizing.

He said alcohol and visitation policies, along with rising tuition and residence hall rates, "scare some people off."

"It's getting so it costs a lot of money to stick around here," he said. "I think about the only way the residence halls are going to keep up occupancy is to get housing policy changed."

While conceding general progress toward the plan's goals, administrators also admit some areas are not advancing as quickly as might be hoped.

Calling improved teaching levels "the number one objective of the 5-year plan," Schwartzkopf said progress is being made but is slowed by low salary levels.

"Money makes a big difference," he said. "If you don't believe it, take a look at some of the people who have left NU for better paying positions."

An American Assoc. of University Professors survey placed UNL professional salaries in the lower 20% of all Ph.D.-granting universities in the nation during 1972-73.

Wallace Peterson, Faculty Senate president and Economics Dept. chairman, said steps to improve the quality of instruction are being made.

"Within our department we have been wrestling with this problem," he said Tuesday. "We're experimenting with different techniques of instruction, improving the teaching ability of teaching

assistants and improving teacher evaluation instruments."

Peterson agreed that increased salaries are important to improving instruction.

"To improve, instruction we're going to have to raise salaries to attract better people and reward those already here," he said.

Varner said he thought the University was moving "very nicely" toward improved instruction.

"A good deal of progress is being made," he said. "It's not easy to measure, but a clear awareness of the new emphasis on teaching is developing."

Progress toward insuring equal educational opportunity for minorities at NU has been "minimal," according to Jimmy Smith, assistant director of the Office of Minority Affairs.

"We've established some excellent goals, but what we've actually done has been minimal," he said Tuesday. "The University now must be coerced or led willingly into achieving these goals."

Attempts to provide equal funding between UNL and UNO for comparable programs also have been slowed.

Varner said the subject has been "put aside for the moment" because Executive Vice President for Administration Howard Neville, who originally handled the question, has left the University to accept a position in Maine.

calendar

Wednesday

- 9 a.m.—Public Relations news conference—Nebraska Union
- 9 a.m.—Mini University No. 8 "The freshman year"—Union
- 11:45 a.m.—University Assoc. of Administration Development luncheon—Union
- 12 p.m.—Law College luncheon—Union
- 12:30 p.m.—Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee luncheon—Union
- 1:30 p.m.—Student Development staff—Union
- 3:30 p.m.—Union Program Council Talks and Topics committee—Union
- 4:30 p.m.—Fees Allocation Board—Union
- 5:30 p.m.—Engineering Toastmasters—Union
- 5:30 p.m.—Gamma Lambda—Union
- 5:30 p.m.—Arts and Sciences Advisory Board—Union
- 5:30 p.m.—Mortar Board—Union
- 6:30 p.m.—ASUN Senate meeting—Union
- 7 p.m.—Delta Union—Union
- 7 p.m.—NU Meds—Union
- 7 p.m.—Alpha Zeta—Union
- 7 p.m.—Interfraternity Council—Union
- 7 p.m.—Free University "Why are we in Vietnam?"—Union
- 7:30 p.m.—matr. counseling—Union
- 7:30 p.m.—Alpha Lambda Delta Initiation—Union
- 8 p.m.—Summer Orientation—Union

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